

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

774 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 90-24

TO: All County Directors  
All Civil Rights Coordinators  
All District Attorneys  
All Family Support Divisions

SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF LANGUAGE AND ETHNIC CODES - IMPLEMENTATION  
OF AB 814

Assembly Bill AB 814 (Chap. 965, Statutes of 89) amends Government Code sections 8310.5 and 19799 effective January 1, 1990. This letter provides directions to Counties regarding the actions necessary to implement this new legislation. It will require that separate collection categories be used to collect demographic ethnic origin data on each major Asian and Pacific Islander group. As you are aware, we currently collect ethnic origin data on various application forms and combine the statistics for those individuals who originate from Asia or the Pacific Islands into one category.

This bill requires expansion of the category for Asian and Pacific Islander to include additional categories for Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Asian Indian, Hawaiian, Guamanian, Samoan, Laotian, Cambodian, and other Asian or Pacific Islanders. The addition of these categories will require that new codes be added for coding on the applications used to collect this data.

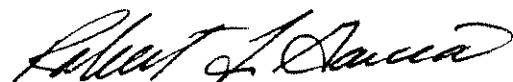
As mentioned in ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-69-89, the Department is also revising the codes used to collect data on the primary language of applicants/recipients in each County. The reason for this change is to correct problems created by an earlier change to the form ABCD 350, Annual Recipient Report on Ethnic Origin and Primary Language, and to add additional categories to provide for more accurate reporting.

Attached are lists of the new codes to be used by Counties.  
Attachment 1 lists the codes to be used for languages and  
Attachment 2 provides codes to be used for ethnic origin. Our  
Department will be revising the appropriate forms and reports and  
they will be forwarded as they are completed via separate All  
County Letters.

SDSS has met with the Department of Health Services to coordinate  
the changes in the MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATA SYSTEM (MEDS). They  
will also be sending a letter to Counties advising of the changes  
to the MEDS system. The codes for both systems will be the same.

If you have any questions, please call your Civil Rights Analyst  
at (916) 322-4134.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Director  
Administration

Attachments

cc: CWDA

LANGUAGE CODES

0 - AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)	1 - Spanish
2 - CANTONESE	3 - Japanese
4 - Korean	5 - Tagalog
6 - Other non-English	7 - English
8 - No valid data reported (MEDS generated)	9 - Not a valid value
A - OTHER SIGN LANGUAGE	B. - MANDARIN
C - OTHER CHINESE LANGUAGES	D - CAMBODIAN
E - ARMENIAN	F - ILACANO
G - MIEN	H - HMONG
I - LAO	J - TURKISH
K - HEBREW	L - FRENCH
M - POLISH	N - RUSSIAN
O - NOT A VALID VALUE	P - PORTUGUESE
Q - ITALIAN	R - ARABIC
S - SAMOAN	T - THAI
U - FARSI	V - VIETNAMESE

W-Z - Reserved for future use

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ETHNIC CODES

1 - White	2 -Hispanic
3 - Black	4 - <b>OTHER</b> Asian or Pacific Islander
5 - Alaskan Native or American Indian	6 - Not a valid value
7 - Filipino	8 - No Valid Data Reported (MEDS generated)
C - <b>CHINESE</b>	H - <b>CAMBODIAN</b>
J - <b>JAPANESE</b>	K - <b>KOREAN</b>
M - <b>SAMOAN</b>	N - <b>ASIAN INDIAN</b>
P - <b>HAWAIIAN</b>	R - <b>GUAMANIAN</b>
T - <b>LAOTIAN</b>	V - <b>VIETNAMESE</b>

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